Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 21 Nov 2023 until 23:59 on Wednesday 22 Nov 2023

Forecast Issued on Monday 20 Nov 2023 at 13:56 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High through to Thursday. Moderate for staying cold Friday and Saturday, but low for wind strength and extent of snow showers.

Headline for Tuesday 21 Nov 2023: Dry, bright start. Low cloud in the afternoon. Rain and gales in the evening.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 21 Nov 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Dull	Dull	Light rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
10%	00%	00%	<05%	20%	20%	40%	60%

Forecast for Tuesday 21 Nov 2023

Weather: Cold and dry with patchy cloud and clear spells through the early hours, a frost in the glens towards dawn. High cloud and hazy sunshine in the morning. Cloud thickening and lowering onto the munro tops by midday. Cloud continuing to lower through the afternoon with patchy light rain over western hills turning heavier and persistent in the evening. Drier in the east, but rain across all ranges towards midnight.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90% or more, falling to nil in the west 20% in the east by mid-afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Very good or excellent with patchy cloud above 1000m early morning, this dispersing soon after dawn. Visibility falling to poor as persistent cloud lowers to 900m across western hills around midday, 400m late afternoon. Eastern hills largely cloud free until dusk.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	15/19 NE	11/13 N	8/10 W	10/13 SW	21/29 SW	30/40 SW	37/48 SW	40/54 SW	40/56 SW
900	13/17 NE	8/10 N	7/9 W	10/13 SW	21/28 SW	28/38 SW	34/45 SW	38/52 SW	38/54 SW
600	8/11 NE	4/6 NE	4/5 W	8/11 SW	13/21 SW	19/29 SW	23/34 SW	27/41 SW	28/43 SW
300	1/12 NE	1/6 NW	1/6 W	2/9 SW	4/17 SW	7/26 SW	7/30 SW	11/38 SW	12/40 SW
Glen	4/8 NE	3/5 NE	2/3 NW	2/5 W	4/13 SW	11/24 S	13/29 SW	16/34 SW	18/36 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-1/-6	-0/-5	-0/-4	-0/-5	0/-7	1/-6	2/-5	3/-5	4/-3
900	0/-5	0/-4	0/-3	0/-4	1/-6	2/-5	3/-4	4/-4	4/-2
600	2/-1	2/0	2/1	2/-1	3/-2	4/-1	5/-0	6/0	6/1
300	4/3	3/2	3/2	3/2	5/3	6/3	6/4	8/5	8/5
Glen	6/5	6/5	5/4	5/4	8/7	9/6	10/7	11/8	11/7
Freezing Level*	800m	800m	900m	900m	1400m	1600m	1600m	1600m	2100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Lowering freezing level may lead to some icy conditions on paths in the morning. Note strengthening winds in the evening with summit gales.

Forecast for Wednesday 22 Nov 2023
Weather: Low cloud, rain and gales across the tops throughout. The rain persistent and heavy in west. Some drier spells across far north, mainly in the afternoon. Little change overnight.

Maximum wind: West-southwest 40 mph gusting 50-60 mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Generally nil, 20% across the far north.

Low cloud and visibility: Very poor in persistent cloud down to 400-600m, often to lower slopes in the west. Cloud bases may lift to 600-800m at times across the far north, mainly in the afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 10 or 11 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 6 or 7 Celsius.
Freezing level: Well above the summits.

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